THE MINISTER OF CIVIL. AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An amount of Rs. 40.00 crores has been allocated during the current financial year and Rs: 42.5 crores in the next financial year for promotion campaigns in the oevrseas market which includes a campaign to counter the adverse impact of recent disturb ances.

(c) Tourist arrivals during the last three years were:—

1990—

17,07,158

1991—

16,77,508

1992—

18,67,651

This shows an increase of 11.3 per cent in 1992 over the previous year,

(d) Promotion of Tourism is a con tinuous process. The Department of Tourjsm with the State Governments and travel trade jointly popularise p.nd promote tourism through publi city literature, films, audio-visuals, fairs, seminars and other measures. The official TV media is also used for the purpose.

Special reduced Airfare for low paid labourers working abroad

3923. SHRI M. A BABY. Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM toe pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the fact about special reduced airfare for low paid labourers working abroad as is being done in some countyies:

(b) whether the Air India proposes to introduce such special reduced air fare for low paid Indians working abroad, especially in the Gulf "region:

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons and justi fication therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD); (a) to (d) A representation was received by the Government proposing that Indian workers in the Gulf countries should be allowed a rebate of at least 25 per cent in air fares to India, once in two years on the national carriers The proposal was not considered feasible due to difficulties in prescribing and enforcing definite eligibility criteria fair availing of such discount.

Religious Tourism in the Country

3924. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIA TION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to organise and encourage religious tourism in different regions;

(b) if so, what are the details of the action plan worked out and publicity given to elicit public participation;

(c) whether Government are planning to start Bharat Darshan special trains from Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and New Delhi under various package tours; and

(d) if so, what are the details the reof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

AIR fare anomalies in Kerala Gulf Sector

3925. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indians working in Gulf countries have been complaining/submitting representations to

the Government regarding the anomalies in computing the fare in the Kerala-Gulf-Sector as a result whereof they are made to pay more airfare than pasengers of other sectors;

(b) what are the details of such complaints and representations; and

(c) what are the steps being taken by Government to remove such, ano malies existing in the Air India pass enger fare for the Gulf-Kerala sector?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL, AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD); (a) and (b) Representations have been received from different quarters including the Government of Kerala, regarding alleged disparities in air fares between Gulf & Trivandrum *vis-a-vis* other sectors.

(c) The existing fares on Gulf-Tri-vandrum sector compare favourably with fares for similar distances elsewhere. These fares, therefore, connot be regarded as anomalous.

Pilots meeting with the Minister of Civil Aviation and Tourism

3926. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 27 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd February, 1993 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the representatives of the Pilots' organisation met him very recently and requested him to settle all their outstanding demands; and

(b) if so, what are the details and the outcome of the meetings?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIA-riOM AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Air Traffc Control System at Bombay

3927. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHA-MBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURIS\M be pleased to , state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bombay Air Traffic Control System is not able to cope with the air traffic boom;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to cope with the peak demand of air traffic?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Modernisation of Air Traffic Control System for Bombay Airport has been taken up by the National Airports Authority to cater to increasing air traffic movement.

भारतीय पर्यटन वित्त निगम द्वारा संवित-रित धनराशि

3928. श्री अजीत जोगी :
श्री छोटूभाई पटेल :

क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) विगत तीन वर्षों के दौरान भारतीय पर्यटन वित्त निगम द्वारा कुल कितनी ऋण राशि संवितरित की गई ;

(ख) जिन परियोजनाओं के लिए ऋण दिये गये थे उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) निगम के पास संवितरण के लिए कुल कितनी राशि उपलब्ध है; और

(घ) क्या इसमें से कुछ धनराशि मध्य प्रदेश को भी उपलब्ध कराई गई थी ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) विगत तीन वर्षों (1989-90 से 1991-92)